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Applicants: Hofmann *et al.*

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, in the above-identified application, having a three-month period for response set to expire July 7, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

A Notice of Appeal and Request for Corrected Filing Receipt are submitted herewith. Also included in this submission is a new, signed Declaration that complies with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a) and MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.